Hunger free India

1871. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has outlined a 12-point plan to achieve the goal of hunger free India;

(b) if so, the details of the plan enunciated by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan; and

(c) what action Government have contemplated on the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The plan enunciated by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan advocates the approach of "Food with Human Dignity", in which the poor should be treated as partners in achieving the aim of ensuring that each one receives an opportunity for a productive and healthy life. The main elements of the plan may be summarized as under:—

(i) Decentralized implementation.

(ii) Intensification of Food for Work approach by inclusion of non-manual work also and stepping up the out-lays.

(iii) Spread of awareness about nutrition.

(iv) House-hold Entitlement Cards.

(v) Skill upgradations through Training.

(vi) Setting up of Mal-nutrition Trust of India.

(vii) Transparent Monitoring.

(viii) Setting up of Fodder and Feed Banks.

(ix) Immediate attention to "hunger not-spots".

(x) Increase in investment for Agriculture and Rural Development.

(xi) Shift of strategy to job-led growth.

The elements of the plan succinctly encompass the goals of a number of programmes and scheme for eradication of poverty, generation of employment, improvement in food security and enhancement of nutritional status of vulnerable groups etc. being implemented by various Ministries of the Central Government and the State Governments etc. The Planning Commission is also endeavouring to accommodate the suggestions in the above plan as also recommendations made by other scholars in achieving the goal of making India "a Hunger free region".

Fishing harbours and fish landing centres in Karnataka

1872. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance for construction, repair and renovation of fishing harbour at both major and minor port in the State and fish landing facilities at Belikeri; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard; the amount released, so far, and the amount which remains to be released and the time-frame by which the same is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement showing details of the financial assistance approved and provided by the Union Government to the Government of Karnataka for construction of fishing harbours and fish landing centres including fishing landing facilities at belikeri is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

After scrutiny of the proposals of Government of Karnataka for repair and renovation of six fishing harbours namely, Malpe, Bhatkal, Honnavar, Tadri, Karwar, Mangalore and one fish landing centre at Kodibengre, the State Government has been requested in December, 2001 to submit detailed proposals in accordance with the provisions of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme with inclusion of relevant technical details/drawings, firm and realistic cost estimate and project completion period.